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1. The Gheorghiu-Dej (formerly Ganz) Shipyard in Budapest is being extended downstream.
2. As of December 1953 it had a slipway capacity of six 1,200 ton seagoing ships. No repairs are carried out in this yard. One floating crane of 100 tons lifting power is used and four 3 - 4-ton rail cranes for installing the motors etc. in the ships. No warships of any type are under construction and no work is being carried out for other Satellite countries. The entire production of seagoing ships is delivered to USSR.
3. As of December 1953, the 49th and 50th mercantile vessels were on the stocks and four others were in the water being fitted. The Russians have ordered Ganz to produce seven of these ships each year and when completed they are to be sent to Vladivostok for use in the Far East. The list price is 15-16 million forints. This sum is arrived at by converting the price in dollars into forints at the 1938 rate of exchange.
4. The following are the details of the ships under construction:

Tonnage	1,200 tons dead weight
Length	70 m.
Width	10 m.
Draught	with ballast, 2.3 m.
Motors	Two 400 h.p. Ganz motors (type J2 16)
Propulsion	2 screws
Speed	9½ knots
Range	8,000 sea miles
Capacity	3 holds
Crew	33
Cranes	2 cranes (3-5 tons) to each hold.

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5. These ships are built to Soviet design and the strictest supervision is carried out as to the fulfillment of Russian requirements. Recently they refused to accept a hundredth of a millimeter error in the measurement of the main axle of one of the motors.
6. Floating cranes are also built at this yard at a rate of 8 to 10 in a year. The lifting power of these cranes is 250 tons and the complete production is sent to the USSR.
7. At the Obuda shipyard small paddle steamers and river craft are built, all according to Soviet standards. In December 1953 the 49th vessel was under construction for delivery to the USSR. Of these 49, approximately 6 were seagoing ships, but owing to a shortage of steel, production was recently limited to tugs and small passenger boats.

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